



**June 2023**

**Wallingford First United Methodist Church**

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Soon Kook Ahn Pastor

Worship with us  
Sundays at 11:00 am (10:00 am Starting July 2)  
In person or on Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6058662108>  
Meeting ID: 605 866 2108

## Pastor's Letter

Memorial Day reminds us of the fact that we rely on others who lived beyond themselves. We must recognize with gratitude and a humble mind that many people, especially soldiers, offered their ultimate sacrifice for the freedom and prosperity that we have today. Some of their names are not remembered, yet their sacrifices are remembered. Only God knows who they were and what sacrifices they were willingly offered.



In the same way, as we celebrate Pentecost, we are grateful to God for his presence and protection in the Holy Spirit. Prophet Isaiah proclaimed the mighty protection of God for us in Isaiah 43:2,

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.*

However, the Lord's presence is not always remembered as we live in a very busy and highly competitive world. If we look back our life carefully, we would have the same confession that the apostle Paul made in 1Corinthians 15:10,

*But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain.*

*Indeed, it was not I who lived our life, but the Lord who lives in us. Praise the Lord and thanks be to God!*

Let us give thanks to God for his gentle presence in us. But the Lord's desire is more than 'being together with us'. The Lord wants us to celebrate and bear fruits as Jesus said to his disciples in John 15:10,

*I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.*

What are the fruits that you offer to the Lord in gladness and gratitude? I believe the most pleasing thing to the Lord is saving human souls as the joy is expressed in Luke 15:7,

*Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.*

Let us participate in the Lord's joy as we pray and lead our loved ones to Christ Jesus who endured the pain and shame on the cross! May the Lord's presence and guidance be with you through the Holy Spirit! Amen.

*Pastor Ahn*



**Worship  
Time**

## New Worship Hour

New Worship Hour: From **July 2**, the Sunday Worship Service will begin at **10:00 am.**

## Education Breakfast Sunday

EDUCATION BREAKFAST SUNDAY will be celebrated on **June 4**. This is the best breakfast in town! Breakfast will be served right after the worship service and all are welcome!

## Peace with Justice Sunday

**June 4<sup>th</sup>** is Peace with Justice Sunday.

Every year, on the First Sunday after Pentecost, United Methodists celebrate this day by collecting a special offering. Administered by the General Board of Church and Society (GBCS), the offering benefits peace with justice ministries in the annual conference and around the world.

Our congregation's gifts to Peace with Justice Sunday help give access to people without adequate jobs, housing,

education, food, healthcare, income support, clean water and more. In addition, our gifts help peace with justice advocates work to dismantle structures and systems that reflect economic exploitation, war, political oppression and cultural domination.

Donations to Peace with Justice Sunday support local grants implemented through your annual conference and justice activities that are focused on education and advocacy. A portion of the offering is administered by the General Board of Church and Society. When our congregation gives to the PWJS offering, we change the lives of persons who navigate one roadblock after another to attain peace with justice.

Contributions can be placed in the envelope provided in the bulletin on June 4<sup>th</sup> or you can donate online:

Resourceumc.org

1. Peace with Justice Sunday (click 'read more')
2. Give to Special Sundays
3. Set up account, complete form and submit

## A Report after Laity Exchange: on May 21:

This past Sunday we visited the Southington Methodist Church. Pastor Carol and the congregation were very warm and welcoming. Their service is very similar to ours. Yet, there were a few differences such as the way they pass the peace, collect the offering and sang a different version of the doxology. During coffee hour, they shared a few fundraising ideas that have been successful for their church. We felt this was a very fun and positive experience!

*Joan White, Wendy Perzanowski, Dianna Buckle, & Joan Hausmann*

## Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

**PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY** will meet every **Thursday at 7:00 pm**. All are invited! The textbook for the Bible Study is Models of Evangelism written by Priscilla Pope-Levison. Please contact Pastor Ahn if you have any questions.

## Pastor's Vacation

**PASTOR'S VACATION** Pastor Ahn will be on vacation from **Monday, June 20 until Wednesday, June 28**. A Certified Lay Servant, Rick Johnson, will deliver the Lord's message for us on June 25.

## New York Annual Conference

**NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE** will be held from on **Friday, June 9 until Sunday, June 11** at the Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY. Your prayers for our Annual Conference will be deeply appreciated. Sunday worship service on June 11 will be led by Sherri Willhelm.

## News

**A JOINT SERVICE** was held with our brothers and sisters in Christ from the Higganum UMC on April 23. During the service, a donation was offered in the amount of **\$100.00 for the UMCOR's Disaster Relief Fund**. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY** is expressed to :

*Kristen DiFilippo* and her family upon the loss of her brother Jeffrey Kimball who passed away on May 13 at the age of 67.

*Lauren* and her family upon the loss of her mother-in-law Faith who passed away in May. Lauren is a granddaughter of Pat Levasseur.

**INFANT BAPTISM** for *Evan Leon Edwards* was held during Sunday worship service on May 21. Proud parents are Glen and Aviola.



## Prayer Chain

If you wish to share prayer needs or thanks call Pat Levasseur at 203-269-0951 to start the chain. Share as much information or as little as you are comfortable. And make sure you have permission from the person in need to share.

## Notes from the Quilt Group

The Quilt Group meets every Tuesday from 9:00 - 12:00. We make quilts for the children at the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp.

Almost as important as the gifts to the camp is the companionship we share. It is still a very special group. If you would like to join us, stop by any Tuesday.

## Sign up!

We need volunteers to help with our worship services! You can sign up for **Ushering**,



**Coffee Hosts**, and **Communion Stewards** (help Pastor Ahn distribute the communion elements) on the table in the Narthex under the bulletin board. Thank you.

## Transitions Dinner

Every last Wednesday of each month we meet for dinner and fellowship at 5:30 at Colony Diner. Contact Donna Graham, 203-440-0403, if you'd like to attend so she can arrange reservations.

## Craft Group

The first Saturday of each month we host a craft group from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm downstairs in the fellowship hall. All crafters are welcome, bring a lunch if you'd like.

## Altar Flowers

If you wish to supply flowers on the altar in honor of or in memory of someone, or just because 😊 Sign up on the chart in the Narthex (please list on the chart who/what the flowers are in memory/honor of) and put a check in the envelopes provided.

## Birthdays

Bob Mullen (6/4); Kathleen Gwara (6/11);  
Trudy Brady (6/18) Kaitlyn Rolan (6/21)

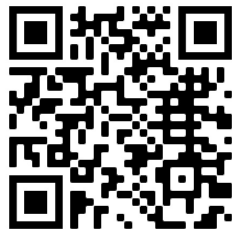
## Upcoming Events

Event/Committee	Date & Time
Education Breakfast Sunday	June 4
New York Annual Conference	June 9 - June 11 (At the Hofstra University)
Chicken BBQ	Saturday, July 29 (5:00 pm - 7:00 pm)
Deadline for July Newsletter	June 20
Worship returns to 10:00 am	July 2

A church **calendar** can be found on our church website at [www.fumc-wallingford.org](http://www.fumc-wallingford.org)



**Give Online.** You can visit our website ([www.fumc-wallingford.org](http://www.fumc-wallingford.org)) Or simply take out your phone, turn on the camera, and point to the QR. A little screen will pop up and when you press it, it will take you to the giving page. Giving online is one of the safest and easiest ways to support our ministry and church. We thank you for your support.



**TAG & VENDOR FAIR**  
— VALESVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH —  
**VENDOR CRAFTS OR  
TAG SALE ITEMS  
FOR PURCHASE!**

**RENT A TABLE FOR \$30  
TWO TABLES FOR \$55**

HUNGRY? **SNACKS, DRINKS,  
AND SANDWICHES FOR SALE!**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH**  
**9AM TO 2PM**

LOCATION: 8 NEW PLACE STREET, WALLINGFORD

MORE INFORMATION: 203-269-9521  
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**NEXT VENDOR FAIR: NOVEMBER 4TH**

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